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## COMMON COUNCIL.

### BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

#### REGULAR SESSION.

CITY HALL, NEW ORLEANS, December 22, 1868.

The board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—President Markey, and Messrs. Boguille, Kaiser, Pessou, Poynot, Prados and Shields—7.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

FROM THE LOWER BOARD.

A communication relative to the control of the Bienville draining machine was referred to the committee of streets and landings.

The following was concurred in on first reading:

*Resolved*, That from and after the 1st of January, 1869, the treasurer and all others collecting or receiving money for the city of New Orleans are instructed to receive in payment of taxes, licenses, or any other dues, only United States currency.

*Resolved*, That within five days after the promulgation of the foregoing resolution, all of the money then in the city treasury known as city money shall be counted and destroyed in the manner prescribed in existing ordinances, and the treasurer is hereby forbidden to pay out any of said money, on any account whatever.

Mr. Prados offered the following amendment:

In place of the words "U. S. currency," insert "one half of the amount in city money only and on condition that the other half be paid in U. S. currency."

Which was laid on the table by the following vote:

Yeas—President Markey and Messrs. Boguille, Poynot and Shields—4.

Nays—Messrs. Kaiser, Pessou and Prados—3.

The resolution was then concurred in on second reading by the following vote, the rule being waived:

Yeas—President Markey and Messrs. Boguille Kaiser, Poynot and Shields—5.

Nay—Mr. Prados—1.

The rule being waived, Mr. Shields offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That any and all holders of city money shall be permitted during sixty (60) days after the promulgation of this resolution, to deposit said money in the treasury of the city, for which the treasurer shall give his receipt, and report to the controller on each and every day the amount so deposited and by whom deposited, and in exchange for which receipt he or they shall be entitled to receive certificates of indebtedness bearing interest at the rate of five (5) per cent per annum. Said city money shall be clipped or stamped like bank checks, in presence of the depositor, and before the issuance of the receipt.

This was adopted on first reading, and on second reading by the following vote, the rule being suspended, and ordered to be sent to the other board:

Yeas—President Markey, and Messrs Boguille, Kaiser, O'Brien, Pessou, Poynot and Shields—7.

Nay—Mr. Prados—1.

The following were concurred in on first reading:

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller on the 12th December, 1868, of the contract for collecting the revenues of the Claiborne market for the term of one year from the 1st of January, 1869, to C. Mosel, security J. Goudier for the sum of one thousand dollars per month, be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to sign and execute on behalf of the city, before the city notary, a contract with C. Mosel, as principal, and J. Goudier as security, for the farming of the revenues of the Claiborne market for one year from the 1st of Jan. 1869, for and in consideration of the sum of $12,000, payable 1-12 monthly; *Provided*, that said C. Mosel agree in accepting this contract: That the city of New Orleans shall have the right and privilege to annul the same at one day's notice without damages, after returning such of his notes as may not have become due at the time of said annulment.

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller, on the 12th ult., of the contract to collect the revenues of the Washington Market for the year 1869 to A. Bousion, security Vincent Micas, for the sum of $2,200, be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract by notarial act, in behalf of the city of New Orleans, with A. Bousion as principal and Vincent Micas as security, for the farming of the Washington Market, for and in consideration of the sum of twenty-two hundred dollars.

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller, on the 12th ult. of the contract to collect the revenues of the Sorapuru Market for the year 1869 to L. Redon, security O. M. Redon, for the sum of $8,050, be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract by notarial act, in behalf of the city of New Orleans, with L. Redon as principal and O. M. Redon as security, for the farming of the Sorapuru Market, for and in consideration of the sum of eight thousand and fifty dollars.

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller, on the 12th ult., of the contract to collect the revenues of the Port Market for the year 1869 to A. Bousion, security Vincent Micas, for the sum of $17,100, be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract by notarial act, in behalf of the city of New Orleans, with A. Bousion as principal and Vincent Micas as security, for the farming of the Port Market, for and in consideration of the sum of seventeen thousand one hundred dollars.

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller on the 12th inst., of the contract to collect the revenues of the Bretonne Market for the year 1869 to Jean Cazeaux, security Derethé, for the sum of $1100, be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to sign and execute, on behalf of the city, before the city notary, the necessary contract or lease with Jean Cazeaux and his security for the farming of the revenues of the Bretonne Market for one year from the 1st January, 1869, for and in consideration of the sum of $1100.

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller on the 12th ult., of the contract to collect the revenues of the St. Bernard Market for the year 1869, to Pierre Delord, security J. Cleris and L. Crouzeilles as securities, for the sum of $5100, be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract, by notarial act, in behalf of the city of New Orleans, with Pierre Delord as principal and J. Cleris and L. Crouzeilles as securities, for the farming of the St. Bernard Market, for and in consideration of the sum of five thousand one hundred dollars.

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller on the 12th ult., the contract to collect the revenues of the Beef Market for the year 1869, to John Fernandez, security Wm. Creevy, for the sum of $50,400, be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract, by notarial act, in behalf of the city of New Orleans, with John Fernandez as principal and Wm. Creevy as security, for the farming of the Beef Market, for and in consideration of the sum of fifty thousand four hundred dollars.

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller on the 12th ult., of the contract to collect the revenues of the Fruit Market for the year 1869, to Joseph Pratte, security N. Frechaux and J. Michel, for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract by notarial act, in behalf of the city of New Orleans, with Joseph Batte as principal and N. Frechaux and J. Michel as securities, for the farming of the Fruit Market for and in consideration of the sum of fifteen thousand dollars.

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller on the 12th December, 1868, of the contract to collect the revenues of the St. Mary's Market to Wm. Maylie as principal, security Jean Dubarry, for the sum of twenty-six thousand dollars, ($26,000,) be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract by notarial act, in behalf of the city of New Orleans, with Wm. Maylie as principal and Jean Dubarry as security, for the farming of the St. Mary's Market for the year 1869, at twenty-six thousand dollars.

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller on the 12th inst., of the contract to collect the revenues of the Poydras market for the year 1869 to A. Dumestre, security G. Dastillon, for the sum of $67,350, be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract by notarial act, on behalf of the city of New Orleans, with A. Dumestre, as principal, and G. Dastillon, as security, for the farming of the Poydras market for the year 1869, at $67,350.

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller on the 12th ultimo, of the contract to collect the revenues of the Treme Market for the year 1869 to B. Beoubay, security A. Larquier, for the sum of $48,700, be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract by notarial act in behalf of the city of New Orleans, with B. Beoubay as principal, and A. Larquier as security, for the farming of the Treme Market, for and is consideration of the sum of forty-eight thousand seven hundred dollars.

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller, on the 12th ult., of the contract to collect the revenues of the Ninth Street Market for the year 1869 to John Haas, Mitchel Peltz as security, for the sum of $17,800, be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract by notarial act, in behalf of the city of New Orleans, with John Haas as principal and Mitchel Peltz as security, for and in consideration of the sum of seventeen thousand eight hundred dollars.

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller, on the 12th ult., of the contract to collect the revenues of the Magazine Market for the year 1869 to O. M. Redon, security M. Brenan, for the sum of $34,100, be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract by notarial act, in behalf of the city of New Orleans, with O. M. Redon as principal and M. Brenan as security, for the farming of the Magazine Market, for and in consideration of the sum of thirty-four thousand one hundred dollars.

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controler on the 12th ultimo of the contract to collect the revenues of the vegetable market for the year 1869, to Joseph Batte, security, N. Frechaux and J. Michel, for the sum of $63,000, be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract by notarial act, in behalf of the city of New Orleans with Joseph Batte as principal, and N. Frechaux and J. Michel as securities for the farming of the vegetable market for and in consideration of the sum of sixty-three thousand dollars.

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller on the 12th December, 1868, of the contract for collecting the revenues of the Dryades market for the term of one year to C. Mosel, security J. Goudier, for and in consideration of the sum of $43,200, or $3,600 per month, be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to sign and execute in behalf of the city before the city notary a contract with C. Mosel as principal, and J. Goudier as security, for the farming of the revenues of the Dryades market for one year from the 1st day of January, 1869, for and in consideration of the sum of $43-200, or $3,600, payable monthly; *Provided*, That said C. Mosel agree in accepting this contract: That the city of New Orleans shall have the right and privilege to annul the same at one day's notice, without damages, after returning such of his notes as may not have become due at the time of said annulment.

These were all amended by adding "that the approval of the sureties be referred to the finance committee by whose report to the mayor he shall be guided."

As so amended, they were each concurred in unanimously on second reading, the rules being suspended.

The rule being suspended Mr. Shields offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That there be a joint session of the Common Council on Tuesday, 29th instant, at 8 o'clock, for the selection and election of a fiscal agent of the city.

On motion it was resolved that when this board adjourn it shall be to meet again on Saturday next at 6 o'clock P. M.

The following resolutions were concurred in on first reading and on second reading by the vote annexed to each, the rules being suspended:

*Resolved*, That the controller be and he is hereby authorized to readjudicate the contracts for repairing and keeping in repair the bridges and crossings, and for building new bridges and crossings in the First, Second and Fourth Districts, city of New Orleans, for the unexpired term of Daniel Mulligan's contract, put in default.

Yeas—Messrs. Boguille, Kaiser, Pessou, Poynot and Shields—5.

Nays—President Markey, and Mr. Prados—2.

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller of a contract for grading and shelling Constance street, from Josephine to St. Andrew street, distance one square, to Frank Marquez, as principal, and P. Irwin as security, for and in consideration of the sum of two dollars and nine cents per running foot, be and the same is hereby approved, the security accepted, and the mayor authorized to enter into contract with the parties per notarial act for the performance of said work.

Unanimously, Messrs. O'Brien and Prados absent.

*Resolved*, That the street commissioner be and he is hereby authorized to put new bridges at the square bounded by St. David, Liberty, First and Second streets, Fourth District.

Yeas—President Markey and Messrs. Boguille, Kaiser, O'Brien, Pessou and Poynot—6.

Nay—Mr. Shields—1.

*Resolved*, That the city surveyor be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to have flagged crossings made at the intersections of Miro and Ursulines streets, and at the intersection of Tonti and Ursulines streets.

Yeas—President Markey, and Messrs. Boguille, Kaiser, Pessou and Poynot—5.

Nay—Mr. Shields—1.

*Resolved*, That the committees on streets and landings be and they are hereby requested to investigate the condition of the various draining machines, and the manner in which the contracts for the past year have been complied with; and also to recommend measures for the continuance of the working of said machines.

Unanimously.

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller of a contract in accordance with ordinance No. 1150, N. S., for grading and shelling Felicity road from Baronne to Howard street, to H. McGuinn as principal, Jno. Bietry as security, for the sum of two dollars and nine cents ($2 09) per running foot, be and the same is hereby approved, the security accepted, and the mayor authorized to enter into contract with the parties per notarial act for the performance of said work.

Yeas—President Markey and Messrs. Boguille, Kaiser, Pessou, Poynot and Shields—6.

Nay—Mr. O'Brien—1.

*Resolved*, That the name of the street now known as St. Mary, which runs between Poydras and Julia, be and the same is hereby changed to Church street. Be it further

*Resolved*, That the street commissioner be and he is hereby authorized to change the name of the signs on the lamps on said street to Church street.

Unanimously, Mr. Prados absent.

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller of a contract in accordance with ordinance No. 1137, new series, for grading and shelling Josephine street, between Apollo and Howard streets, to H. McGuinn as principal, B. Collins security, for the sum of two dollars and twenty-five cents ($2 25) per running foot, be and the same is hereby approved, the security accepted, and the mayor authorized to enter into contract with the parties per notarial act for the performance of said work.

Unanimously, Mr. Prados absent.

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller of a contract in accordance with ordinance No. 1131, new series, for grading and shelling Craps street, from Enghein street to Elysian Fields street, to Frank Marquez as principal, D. Murphy security, at two dollars and thirty-five cents ($2 35) per running foot, be and the same is hereby approved, the security accepted, and the mayor authorized to enter into contract with the parties per notarial act for the performance of said work.

Unanimously, Messrs O'Brien and Prados absent.

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller of the contract, in accordance with ordinance No. 1149, N. S., for grading and shelling Liberty street from Thalia to Felicity road, to Henry McGuinn as principal, Jno. Bietry, security, for the sum of two dollars and thirty cents ($2 30) per running foot, be and the same is hereby approved, the security accepted, and the mayor authorized to enter into contract with the parties per notarial act for the performance of said work.

Yeas—President Markey and Messrs. Boguille, Kaiser, Pessou, Poynot and Shields—6.

Nay—Mr. O'Brien—1.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Kaiser offered the following, which was unanimously adopted on first and second reading, the rules being suspended, Mr. O'Brien being absent:

*Resolved*, That the city surveyor be and he is hereby authorized to have a pipe placed in the well of Ninth Street Market for accommodation of fire engines.

Mr. Pesson offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the surveyor be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to place a flagged crossing at the intersection of Esplanade and St. Claude streets: *Provided* that the cost of same does not exceed ($150) one hundred and fifty dollars.

Which was unanimously adopted on first and second reading, the rules being suspended.

PETITIONS.

One from Henry McGuinn, was referred to the committee on finance by the following vote:

Yeas—President Markey and Messrs. Boguille, Kaiser, Poynot, Prados and Shields—6.

Nay—Mr. O'Brien—1.

One from F. W. Loewen, requesting permission to put ovens in a bakery to be erected on Gravier street, between Rampart and Basin streets, was referred to the committee on streets and landings.

One from George Merz and other residents on Carondelet Walk and vicinity, asking for street lights, was referred to same committee.

One from Dr. Miller, concerning physicians' licenses, was tabled subject to call.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The following was received:

BOARD OF ALDERMEN, City Hall, New Orleans, Dec. 22, 1868.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen*—The joint committee of the Common Council, to mature a general plan for city railroads, having their termini on Canal street, after careful consideration of all the plans submitted to them, and consultation with the city surveyor and city attorney, report by ordinance, providing for said purpose, the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company, having agreed to inaugurate the enterprise.

They have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

THOS. H. SHEILDS, Chairman.
G. PANDELY.
GERALD FARRELL,
CHS. GRANDPRE.

The accompanying ordinance, was adopted on first reading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 2 of "An Ordinance providing for the sale of the right of way to establish railroads on Claiborne and other streets for passengers only," approved March 22, 1867, and Resolution No. 810, New Series.

*Resolved*, That the first section of resolution No. 810, new series, which amended section second of "An ordinance entitled an ordinance providing for the sale of the right of way to establish railroads on Claiborne and other streets for passengers only," and which reads that "the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company be, and are hereby authorized to build a turn-out commencing at the intersection of Claiborne and Common streets, running up Common to center of Basin street, down the neutral ground of Basin street to the south side of Canal street, up Canal to Rampart street, up neutral ground of Rampart to Common street, and out Common street to the main line on Claiborne street," be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows, to wit:

Section 1. That the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company be and they are hereby authorized to build a turn-out commencing at the intersection of Claiborne and Common streets, running up Common to center of Basin street, down the neutral ground on Basin street to the neutral ground on Canal street, up the south edge on said neutral ground to Carondelet street, and from Carondelet street to St. Charles street (and should it in the opinion of the city surveyor be necessary, from St. Charles to Camp street), on iron bridge plates, or other means suggested by the city surveyor, to be placed over the gutter between said neutral ground and the street, to be so constructed as not to interfere with the drainage; from St. Charles street to Camp street, as it may be determined by said city surveyor, up the south edge on said neutral ground to the intersections of Canal, Front Levee and Fulton streets; should, however, the existing roads prevent the continuance of the track as proposed, then the said track to the intersection of Magazine and Canal streets shall connect with the present track of the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company from the intersections of Canal, Front Levee and Fulton streets, to the north side of said neutral ground, or, should the existing roads prevent it, on the present track of the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company to Magazine street, thence on the north edge of said neutral ground to St. Charles street, (or, should it be necessary in the opinion of the city surveyor, from Camp to St. Charles street,) and from St. Charles street to Carondelet street on iron bridge plates as provided for the south side, from Carondelet to Rampart street, and connect with the present road of the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company on the neutral ground of Rampart street, up Rampart to Common street, and out Common to the main line on Claiborne street.

Sec. 2. That the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company shall make at the intersections of Canal, Front and Fulton streets the necessary curves and connections to complete the circuit at that point, and they shall further make such alterations or modifications of their existing arrangements as may be necessary to leave the proposed line free from all obstructions by the cars of the Girod street line.

Sec. 3. That the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company may at any time extend the said line on the outer edge and south side of the neutral ground of Canal street, from Rampart street to Claiborne street, and on the outer edge and north side of the said neutral ground from Claiborne street to Rampart street, or to such intermediate point as may be necessary to connect with new roads, the Common Council reserving the right to order the construction of said extension by the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company at any time, and the whole of said line from Front Levee street to Claiborne street, and back from Claiborne street to Front Levee street, shall be used and maintained as a feeder to all railroads centering on Canal street, under such arrangements and for such compensation as may be agreed upon by the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company and such other roads, subject to the approval of the Common Council. *Provided*, That at the termination of the existing contracts with the railroads running on Canal street, the Common Council may, if they deem proper, establish a general system of main trunk lines on said street, to which all the roads, including the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company, shall conform. *And provided further*, That it is well understood that no exclusive privilege is hereby granted and that the Common Council reserves to itself the right to make such arrangements with other companies, as it may, in the interest of the public, deem proper to effect.

Sec. 4. Should the city of New Orleans at any time during the existence of the contract of the sixth of May, 1867, between it and the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company, enter into any arrangement with other companies whereby the said road on Canal street, from Claiborne street to Front Levee street, and from Front Levee street to Claiborne street, or any part thereof, may be granted, the city of New Orleans, on the road or roads to which the privilege may be granted, shall reimburse to the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company a fair and reasonable proportion of the value of the portion or portions of the road to be so used; and should said proportion not be agreed upon between said Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company and the city of New Orleans or the said road or roads, two disinterested persons shall be appointed, one by the city of New Orleans or the road and roads as the case may be, and the other by the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company; and in the event of a disagreement as to said proportion to be paid, between said persons thus appointed, a third person or umpire shall be appointed by the judge of one of the district courts of the parish of Orleans, and the decision thereby had shall be final and binding.

Sec. 5. Should any litigation grow out of the privileges herein granted by the city of New Orleans to the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company, the said Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company shall guarantee the city of New Orleans against all losses arising from such litigation, whether in the form of attorney's fees or judgments in damages, or in any other manner, it being well understood that the city of New Orleans assumes no risks, except in so far as the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company insures the city against all losses or damages.

OFFICE CITY ATTORNEY, Room No. 13, City Hall, New Orleans, December 14, 1868.

I see no legal objection to this ordinance.

HENRY J. LEOVY, City Attorney.

It was unanimously adopted on second reading, the rules being suspended, and

Mr. Kaiser gave notice that he would move to reconsider the vote at next session.

The following resolution of the lower board,

*Resolved*, That the surveyor be and he is hereby authorized to cause the necessary repairs to be made to the engine house of Jackson Fire Company No. 18; *Provided*, That the whole cost of said repairs shall not exceed the sum of ($200) two hundred dollars.

Was unanimously concurred in on each reading, the rules being suspended.

Mr. Kaiser offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on streets and landings:

WHEREAS, The increasing demand in the populous portion of the First District requires additional facilities for the transportation of merchandise of all descriptions; and

WHEREAS, That portion embraced in the section bounded by Annunciation, Delord, Calliope and Magazine streets, being entirely destitute of such facilities; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the controller be and he is hereby authorized, after five days' notice in the official journal, to adjudicate a contract, to the lowest bidder or bidders, for shelling and grading Poeyfarre street, between Annunciation and Magazine streets, the work to be done in strict accordance with specifications on file in the office of the city surveyor.

Mr. Shields offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the resolution authorizing the city surveyor to have the wharves and levees of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Districts put in perfect repair and condition, be and is hereby reconsidered, and the following offered as a substitute:

*Resolved*, That the controller be and is hereby authorized to adjudicate, after five days notice in the official journal, to the lowest bidder, a contract for the repair and putting in perfect order the wharves and levees of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Districts, the work to be done in strict accordance with the specifications in the office of and under the special superintendence of the city surveyor.

*Resolved*, That the city surveyor be and is hereby instructed to prepare the specifications forthwith and in accordance with the time specified in above resolution.

Which was unanimously adopted on each reading, the rules being suspended, Mr. Pesson absent.

Mr. Shields offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the city surveyor be and he is hereby authorized to make the necessary repairs to the engine house of No. 6, provided that the cost of the same does not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.)

Which was unanimously adopted on each reading, the rules being suspended, President Markey absent, and Mr. Poynot in the chair.

Mr. Shields offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the keepers of bridges on Canal Carondelet and New Canal are hereby instructed to open said bridges after 6 o'clock A. M., and close them at 8 o'clock P. M., and to secure the same by means of lock and chain.

*Be it further resolved*, That any violation of this ordinance shall subject the person or persons so violating to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, recoverable before any court of competent jurisdiction.

Which was unanimously adopted on each reading, Mr. Prados absent.

Mr. Pessou offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, There is great necessity for some safe and commodious building in which to preserve the public archives of both city and State; and,

WHEREAS, The city of New Orleans is possessed of a suitable lot of ground for such a building, and has no use for the iron building now at the foot of Canal street; therefore,

*Be it resolved*, That the city of New Orleans does donate for that purpose the square of ground in the rear of the Cathedral of St. Louis and fronting on Royal street, known as St. Anthony Square, as well as the iron building at the foot of Canal street; *Provided*, That the Legislature of the State of Louisiana will appropriate a sufficient amount of money to move said iron building, and erect a building suitable for the preservation of the archives of both city and State.

*Be it further resolved*, That a committee of two from each board of the council be appointed to confer with the Legislature as to plans and appropriations.

And Mr. Shields the following on the same subject:

WHEREAS, Many archives of a public nature, relating to affairs of the State, parish and city, and many other important documents, such as those connected with the registry of mortgages, conveyances, births and deaths, etc., scattered about this city in such a manner as not only to be extremely difficult of access, but also in constant danger of destruction from fire.

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to construct one building for the custody of all such archives and documents and for the transaction of the business of the District Courts and the Supreme Court; that said building ought to be centrally located, say on or near Canal street; that it ought to be constructed of iron or other fire-proof material.

*Resolved*, That a joint committee be appointed consisting of three members from each board, to request of the next Legislature a concurrent action with the city on the part of the State towards this object, and that said committee be empowered to confer with any similar committee from the Legislature in reference to the details of said work.

*Resolved*, That the city hereby devotes the iron building at the head of Canal street and the material thereof to the construction, so far as it may be applicable, of the building hereby contemplated.

They were both referred to a select committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Shields, Pesson and Kaiser.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following report was accepted:

FINANCE COMMITTEE ROOM, No. 23 City Hall, New Orleans, Dec. 22, 1868.

To the Honorable the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen*—Your committee beg leave to report favorably on the resolution providing that the city shall not plead prescription in the case of J. M. Weymouth, relative to his claim of $500 against the city, should he think proper to test the same before the courts.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. O'BRIEN, Chairman Finance Committee.

The accompanying resolution:

WHEREAS, J. M. Weymoth has presented a claim against the city of New Orleans for the sum of $500, being amount alleged to have been paid into the city treasury by Cresap & McMillan under military order in the month of July, 1862; and

WHEREAS, This board did by resolution on 10th inst. reject said claim; be it

*Resolved*, That in refusing payment this board did not design to debar the claimant on account of prescription from bringing suit; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the city attorney be and he is hereby instructed to waive proscription, should it apply in this case.

Was concurred in, unanimously, on each reading, the rule being suspended.

The following was accepted:

COMMITTEE OF STREETS AND LANDINGS, BOARD OF ALDERMEN, City Hall, December 22, 1868.

To the Honorable the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen*—Your committee have the honor to report upon the following subjects referred to them, viz:

1. Upon the resolution sent from the Board of Assistant Aldermen for concurrence, that the city surveyor be and he is hereby authorized to construct a bridge across Claiborne Canal at the intersection of Port street, your committee report favorably.

2. Upon the resolution that all further proceedings be suspended on those contracts for cleaning and repairing streets, which were suspended and disapproved by Gen. Sheridan, and afterwards entered into by Mayor Conway, and that the contractors be notified, your committee report unfavorably on the aforesaid resolution as detrimental and prejudical to the interests of the city.

3. Unfavorably upon the resolution to rescind all contracts "which have not been strictly complied with," inasmuch as certificates have already been approved for the work performed under said contracts, and there are no complaints lodged by the city surveyor or street commissioner, which effect default on the part of any of the contractors.

THOS. H. SHIELDS, Chairman.
PETER KAISER.
LS. PESSOU.
LUDGER BOGUILLE.

The accompanying resolutions were disposed of as follows:

*Resolved*, That the city surveyor be and he is hereby authorized to construct or cause to be constructed a bridge across Claiborne canal, at the intersection of Port street.

This was unanimously concurred in on each reading, the rules being suspended.

*Resolved*, That all further proceedings be suspended on those contracts for cleaning and repairing streets, which were disapproved by General Sheridan, and afterwards entered into by Mayor Conway, and that the contractors therein be notified hereof.

Mr. Kaiser moved to lay on the table.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Kaiser and Pesson—2.

Nays—President Markey and Messrs. Boguille, O'Brien and Poynot—4.

On a motion to adopt the resolution was lost.

*Resolved*, That all contracts now in existence on the part of the city of New Orleans which have not been strictly complied with be and the same are hereby declared rescinded, and the parties to the said contracts be legally notified thereof.

This was, on motion, laid on the table.

The following report was received:

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22, 1868.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen of the city of New Orleans:

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of having the city records, now in the office of the city notary, removed to the room of the city archives, would respectfully report that the same is impracticable, owing to the fact that each and every city notary has the right, by law, to retain all original acts as a part of the records of his office.

Your committee further respectfully report that it is absolutely necessary that means of information as to all contracts, acts, or other instruments to which the city is a party, or in which it may have an interest, should be preserved and had by the present and future authorities of the city, without the trouble, as at present, of making numerous researches for such information, and therefore they would respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

THOS. H. SHIELDS, Chairman,
LS. PESSOU.

The accompanying resolution was adopted on first reading, as follows:

*Resolved*, That from and after the passage of this resolution, it shall be the duty of the city notary, upon the execution of any contract, agreement, act of sale or purchase, or other authentic act, to which the city of New Orleans may be a party, or in which it may have an interest, to deliver unto the city attorney a copy of each of such acts, and the cost of such copy shall be paid by the other party or parties to such act with the city of New Orleans.

*Resolved further*, That it shall be the duty of the city attorney and his clerk, in addition to other duties that may be imposed upon them by law, to take charge of said copies, arrange the same in the office of said city attorney as a portion of the records of said office, and whenever the number of such copies amount to 250, cause all such copies to be bound, in a good and substantial form, prefixing thereto a full and accurate index of the acts so bound, so as to form a collection of such acts easy of access and reference.

It was unanimously adopted on second reading, Mr. Pesson absent, the rules being suspended.

On motion adjourned.

W. B. LANCASTER, Secretary.

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MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Dec. 19, 1868.

[No. 1176—N. S.]

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller agreeably to ordinance No. 1109, new series, of a contract for repairing the break-water at Milneburg, fronting the lake, between Frenchmen and St. Anthony streets, to H. Ellerman as principal and C. A. Eager as security, for the sum of $12,850, be and the same is hereby rejected, and the controller authorized to readjudicate to the lowest bidder or bidders, after five days notice in the official journal, said contract; the work to be done in accordance with specifications on file in the office of the city city surveyor.

(Signed) ALFRED KEARNY, President Board Assistant Aldermen.
(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY, President Board Aldermen.

Approved Dec. 19, 1868.

(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.

A true copy:

JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, New Orleans, Dec. 24, 1868.

Notice is hereby given that the controller will, at his office, on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1868, at noon, adjudicate to the lowest bidder or bidders the above contract according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the city surveyor.

PAS. LABARRE, Deputy Controller.

## OFFICIAL.

PETITION.....PETITION.

NEW ORLEANS, July 21, 1868.

To the Honorable Council of the city of New Orleans:

Gentlemen—We the undersigned, property holders of the City of New Orleans do respectfully represent to your honorable body that the sidewalks on the south side of Magnolia street, from Clio street to pass Keller Market to St. Andrew street, are overflowed by heavy rains and rendered impassable to the great detriment of your petitioners, wherefore they respectfully request you, considering the premises, to have curb stones placed on said street, and have the city surveyor instructed to order good brick sidewalks made, as it will benefit not only the petitioners but the whole community and city at large, and they will ever pray.

FRANCIS LURGES, 146½ feet.
ST. CHARLES STREET RAILROAD COMPANY, 32 feet.
JOHN BOENSEL, 126½ feet.
J. H. KELLER, 120 feet.
PATRICK MURPHY, 32 feet
GRETZNER & BOOTH, 146 feet.
Petition signed 603 feet.

PETITION.....PETITION.

NOUVELLE-ORLEANS, 21 juillet 1868.

A l'Honorable Conseil Commun de la ville de la Nouvelle-Orleans:

Messieurs—Nous, les soussignés, propriétaires dans la ville de la Nouvelle-Orleans, representons respectueusement a votre honorable corps que les banquettes du coté sud de la rue Magnolia, partant de la rue Clio, passant le marché Keller, jusqu'a la rue St. André, sont inondées pendant les grandes pluies et rendues impassables au grand préjudice de vos pétitionnaires, en conséquence ils demandent respectueusement que, considerant ces faits, des pierres de cote soient placées dans la dite rue, et que le voyer de la ville soit instruit a donner ordre que de bones banquettes en briques soient construites, afin de servir au bien-etre non-seulement de vos pétitionnaires mais aussi du public en général, et nous continuerons, etc.

FRACIS LURGES, 146½ pieds.
COMPAGNIE DU CHEMIN DE FER DE LA RUE ST. CHARLES, 32 pieds.
JOHN BOENSEL, 126½ pieds.
J. H. KELLER, 120 pieds.
PATRICK MURPHY, 32 pieds.
GRETZNER & BOOTH, 456 pieds.
Petition signé 603 pieds.

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TROTTOIRS EN BRIQUES, BORDES DE pierres, avec fosses en bois, sur le coté sud de la rue Gravier, entre Baronne et Dryades.

NOUVELLE-ORLEANS, 12 octobre 1868.

A l'Honorable Conseil Commun de la ville de la Nouvelle-Orleans:

Messieurs—Les soussignés, propriétaires et résidents du coté sud de la rue Gravier, en cette ville, représentent respectueusement que le niveau de la rue entre les rues Baronne et Dryades, a été hausse de neuf ou dix pouces au-dessus des banquettes, par l'ordre des autorités de la ville, en conséquence de quoi lorsqu'il pleut, les dites banquettes sont complètement inondées et sont impassables pendant des heures, forçant les résidents qui sont en leur domicile d'y rester ou ceux qui voudraient s'y rendre a attendre jusqu'a ce que l'eau s'écoule par les moyens très imparfaits de cette rue.

Ainsi maintenant vos pétitionnaires prient vos honorables corps d'ordonner que cette rue soit niveling a sa propre hauteur, et ainsi prévenir l'inconvenient sous lequel sont places les citoyens de la rue Gravier.

Recommandant sérieusement notre pétition a votre favorable consideration, nous sommes, très respectueusement vos serviteurs, etc.

JN. GLAUDIN, encoignure Dryades et Gravier, 35 pieds sur la rue Gravier.
HUGH McCANN, 62 pieds rue Gravier.
GUSTAVE KRHN, par C. Krhn, 22 pieds.
SMITH ISARD, 26 pieds.
FRANCOIS LACROIX 26 pieds.
Pour mrs. MALVINA SUGEU, 26 pieds.
A. C. TREMOULET.
PIERRE CANTEROU, 26 pieds.
Nombre total de pieds dans la pétition 228.

PETITION.....PETITION.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 13, 1868.

To the Honorable the Common Council of New Orleans: